

death was an untimely travesty, it is my hope that through his legacy our community will be brought together. By remembering this man and his dedication to Oakland, we can come together and strengthen our collective hand in rooting out this type of violence.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Chauncey's family and friends, as well as the community he served and the people whose lives he most contributed to. We extend our deepest condolences to Mr. Bailey's family, and our deepest gratitude to them for sharing this dedicated man and impassioned writer with us. May his soul rest in peace.

RECOGNIZING MICAH R. COOMES  
FOR ACHIEVING THE RANK OF  
EAGLE SCOUT

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 10, 2007*

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Micah R. Coomes, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 447, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Micah has been very active with his troop, participating in many Scout activities. Over the many years Micah has been involved with Scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Micah R. Coomes for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO UNIVERSITY  
OF NEVADA, LAS VEGAS

**HON. JON C. PORTER**

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 10, 2007*

Mr. PORTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor The University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

The University of Nevada, Las Vegas will be celebrating its 50th anniversary this year. Founded in 1957, UNLV has become Nevada's largest doctoral-granting research institution, offering more than 220 degree programs, enrolling more than 28,000 students, and employing more than 3,000 faculty and staff. The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching has placed UNLV in the prestigious category of Research Universities with High Research Activity.

Rising from its humble beginnings, offering college classes on an extension basis out of a spare room at Las Vegas High School, UNLV has become one of the Nation's top 45 public doctoral universities in terms of overall enrollment and is the home to nationally recognized programs in hotel management, business, economics, engineering, and computer

sciences. It also reserves the distinct privilege of being Nevada's only accredited law school.

The university is connected in varied and significant ways to the community it serves, with branch campuses throughout the Las Vegas Valley that specialize in biotechnology, dental medicine, and research and technology. UNLV also opened its first international campus in Singapore in 2006, offering bachelor's degree programs in hotel administration and hospitality management.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. I congratulate the university on its successful 50 years and wish them success as they continue to grow and strive in our community and country.

IN RECOGNITION OF LECH WALESIA

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 10, 2007*

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of President Lech Walesia of Poland, and to celebrate his 64th birthday. As I, along with millions of celebrating Poles, recognize one of the great leaders of our time, we should look back at the contributions this man has made to his native Poland and to the world.

As the first elected leader of a democratic Poland, President Walesia laid the foundation for a Poland that remain both strong and free to this day. He worked with leaders from all around the world to promote the welfare of the poor and downtrodden. As the leader of the opposition movement, he helped his country gain independence through nonviolent means.

As a champion of labor, he led several worker strikes, risking both his livelihood and his life in the process. He fought for the rights of workers and his struggle gained worldwide recognition. His efforts won him, among other accolades, the Nobel Peace Prize in 1983. Even today, he remains a shining example of freedom and democracy in action.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring President Lech Walesia for his service to his country and to the world. Thanks to his efforts, Poland has thrived and has become a strong voice in the international community. May future democracies be inspired by his actions and his spirit.

ABSENCE FROM THE HOUSE OF  
REPRESENTATIVES

**HON. ANDER CRENSHAW**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 10, 2007*

Mr. CRENSHAW. Madam Speaker, on August 3, 2007, I underwent surgery to relieve the condition of spinal stenosis before any permanent nerve damage occurred. Due to this surgery, I was absent from the House of Representatives from 7 p.m. Wednesday, August 1st until Sunday, August 5th.

Had I been present, I would have voted: "aye" on rollcall No. 786 on motion to recom-

mit with instructions on H.R. 3162; "no" on rollcall No. 787 on passage of H.R. 3162; "aye" on rollcall No. 788 on motion to change the convening time; "aye" on rollcall No. 789 on motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 3248; "aye" on rollcall No. 790 on agreeing to the conference report on H.R. 1495; "no" on rollcall No. 791 on ordering the previous question on H. Res. 602; "no" on rollcall No. 792 on agreeing to the resolution on H. Res. 602; "no" on rollcall No. 793 on ordering the previous question on H. Res. 601; "no" on rollcall No. 794 on agreeing to the resolution on H. Res. 601; "aye" on rollcall No. 795 on motion to recommit with instructions on H.R. 3159.

"No" on rollcall No. 796 on passage of H.R. 3159; "no" on rollcall No. 797 on approving the journal; "aye" on rollcall No. 798 on motion to adjourn; "no" on rollcall No. 799 on ordering the previous question on H. Res. 599; "no" on rollcall No. 800 on agreeing to the resolution on H. Res. 599; "aye" on rollcall No. 801 on motion to recommit conference report with instructions on H.R. 2272; "aye" on rollcall No. 802 on agreeing to the conference report on H.R. 2272; "aye" on rollcall No. 803 on agreeing to the amendment on H.R. 3161; "no" on rollcall No. 804 on agreeing to the amendment on H.R. 3161; "no" on rollcall No. 805 on agreeing to the amendment on H.R. 3161.

"Aye" on rollcall No. 806 on agreeing to the amendment on H.R. 3161; "aye" on rollcall No. 807 on agreeing to the amendment on H.R. 3161; "aye" on rollcall No. 808 on agreeing to the amendment on H.R. 3161; "no" on rollcall No. 809 on agreeing to the amendment on H.R. 3161; "no" on rollcall No. 810 on agreeing to the amendment on H.R. 3161; "no" on rollcall No. 811 on agreeing to the amendment on H.R. 3161; "no" on rollcall No. 812 on agreeing to the amendment on H.R. 3161; "no" on rollcall No. 813 on agreeing to the amendment on H.R. 3161; "aye" on rollcall No. 814 on motion to recommit with instructions on H.R. 3161; "present" on rollcall No. 815 on motion to reconsider on H.R. 3161.

"Present" on rollcall No. 816 on passage on H.R. 3161; "aye" on rollcall No. 817 on motion to adjourn; "no" on rollcall No. 818 on agreeing to the resolution on H. Res. 600; "aye" on rollcall No. 819 on motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 3311; "no" on rollcall No. 820 on approving the journal; "no" on rollcall No. 821 on motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 3356; "no" on rollcall No. 822 on motion to table H. Res. 612; "aye" on rollcall No. 823 on motion to adjourn; "aye" on rollcall No. 824 on motion to adjourn; "aye" on rollcall No. 836 on passage of S. 1927.

"No" on rollcall No. 837 on approving the journal; "no" on rollcall No. 838 on agreeing to the amendment to H.R. 3222; "no" on rollcall No. 839 on agreeing to the amendment to H.R. 3222; "aye" on rollcall No. 840 on agreeing to the amendment to H.R. 3222; "aye" on rollcall No. 841 on agreeing to the amendment to H.R. 3222; "no" on rollcall No. 842 on agreeing to the amendment to H.R. 3222; "no" on rollcall No. 843 on agreeing to the amendment to H.R. 3222; "no" on rollcall No. 844 on agreeing to the amendment to H.R. 3222; "no" on rollcall No. 845 on agreeing to the amendment to H.R. 3222; "aye" on rollcall No. 846 on passage of H.R. 3222.